

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al. (US 2,554,680) in view of Colby (US 978,358).

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris-Colby as applied to claim 12 and further in view of Parkhurst (US 1,094,009).

Claims 8, 13, 14, 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris-Colby as applied to claim 12 and further in view of Eatmon (US 6,439,630).

Claims 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris-Colby as applied to claim 12 and further in view of Bull (US 2,914,377).

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris-Colby as applied to claim 12 and further in view of Wyss (US 5,738,214)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15 and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 25 stands allowed. Claims 26-31 were indicated as allowable if amended to correct a typographical error.

Amendments To Make Case Allowable

Claims 7 and 13-15 have been cancelled. The typographical error in claim 26 has been corrected by amendment. This makes claim 26 and claims 27-31 dependent on claim 26 allowable.

Claim 21 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of its base claim 12, as suggested in the Office Action. This makes claim 21 allowable. In addition, claims , 8, 11, 17-

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20 and 22-24 have been amended to make them dependent on claim 21 (instead of now-cancelled claim 12). Therefore, claims 8, 11, 17-20 and 22-24 are also allowable.

Conclusion

It is submitted that this application now stands in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 8, 11 and 17-31 are respectfully requested.

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